Funds for Undertaking Study Projects

2516. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry provides funds for undertaking study projects;

(b) if so, the criteria laid down for providing funds for the purpose; and

(c) the names and addresses of the recipients of Rs 20,000/or more per year for study projects during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 year-wise and state-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of Education Development Bank of India

2517. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Council for Technical Education propose to set up an Education Development Bank of India for providing soft loans to Institutions for establishment and development;

(b) if so, how the EDBI will get money for educational institutions;

(c) whether the Union Government have accorded approval for the setting up of such a bank;

(d) if so, by when the said bank is likely to be set up and will start funtioning; and

(e) whether the proposed Bank will also give scholarships to the needy students?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) to (e) A High Power Committee set up by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTL) for mobilization of additional resources for technical education has, inter-alia, recommended that the Central Government set up an Educational Development Bank of India (EDBI) for giving soft loans to institutions for their establishment and development and to give loan scholarships to needy students. The Committee has recommended starting of the bank with a fund of Rs. 3000 crores to be given by the Government of India. The AICTE has appointed a Committee to prepare a detailed report for submission to the Ministry of Human Resource Development in the Department of Education in this behalf.

Reservation for the post of Principals in KVs

2518. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vacancies earmarked/ available for filling up by candidates belonging to SC, ST and OBCs for the post of principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas at the time of interviews held in June and July, 1995;

(b) the details of posts filled and candidates empanelled in each of the above reserved category as also for the General Category as on date;

(c) whether it is a fact that the cut off marks for the interview were brought down in later days; and

(d) if so, what were the original marks and what was the reduction made afterwards and what necessitated the reduction or marks?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has informed that, the details of vacancies earmarked/available for candidates belonging to SC, ST & OBC for the post of Principals in KVs were as under:

SC 14
ST 07
OBC 25

(b) The details of empanelled candidates on the basis of interview held are as under:

Gen. 46

SC 12
ST Nil
OBC 25

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does nor arise.

Import of Butter Oil

2519. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of butter oil imported during the last three years;

(b) the rate at which such oil was imported and the selling rate in the country; and

(c) what effect it has on the production of butter oil in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The quantity, cost and selling price of commercial imports of butter oil effected during the last three years, is given below:

Year	Quantity (MT)	Cost/MT	Selling price
1992-93	402	Rs. 69,447	Not available
1993-94	Nil	Nil	Nil
1994-95	497	US$ 1600 C&F	Average
	2000	US$ 1730 CIF	selling
	800	US$ 1770 CIF	price
	1008	US$ 1865 CIF	Rs. 84,433/ MT
Total			
1994-95	4305		

(c) The import of butter oil helped the country to increase the supply of liquid milk by resorting to recombination.

Allocation of Budget for R&D in Pharmaceutical Companies

2520. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister for CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state: (a) whether it is a fact that the R&D expenses account for upto 15 per cent of the annual turnover of all large pharmaceutical companies abroad and in our country the profit before tax does not amount to more than 4-5 per cent of turnover because of price control on pharmaceuticals; and (b) what are the measures which Government propose to take to encourage the large scale allocation of budgets for R&D efforts in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) R&D expenses incurred by the companies in the developed countries are much higher than those incurred by the companies in India. However, the reason for lower investment on R&D is not the price control since the prices are fixed after detailed Cost-cum-Technical study of the process and plants of the manufacturers and is based on the data provided by them. It provides for reasonable return on investment. The overall profitability of a company is dependent on a variety of factors viz. product mix, marketing strategy and Competency, cost efficiency of other manufacturers and also as compared to imports. Budget allocation for R&D can have only catalytic role and it is for the industry to rise up to the occasion and meet the challenge.

Kharland Development in Gujarat

2521. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of land in Gujarat which is Kharland and remains uncultivated;

(b) whether Government have prepared any programme of development of Kharland and the total land brought under cultivation in the State so far;

(c) if so, whether Government have given any special grant for the development of Kharland in the State; and

(d) if so, the total amount given to the State for the Development of the Kharland area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) In Gujarat State total Kharland Area is estimated as 11.30 lakh hectares.

(b) The State Government has been developing Kharland through the Gujarat Kharland Development Board. So far, about 9129 hectares of Kharland has been brought under cultivation.